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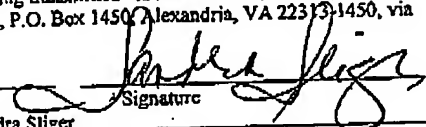
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

This Office Action Response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2005, rejecting claims 1-7 and 9-14.

The following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance. The deadline for responding to the Office Action is September 2, 2005. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), Applicant has filed a Petition for a three (3) month Extension of Time up to and including December 2, 2005. Applicant submits that the present Response submitted on December 1, 2005 is timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are described beginning on page 6 of this paper.

Amended drawings are attached at Appendix A.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.